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MEMORANDUM FOR DEPUTY DIRECTOR/INTELLIGENCE

FROM: [REDACTED] 25X1A9a

SUBJ: Security Clearance for lecture at Oberlin College, Request for

1. The President of Oberlin College has asked me to deliver a lecture on the Middle East to the student body of the college on 3 January 1958. A copy of the proposed lecture is attached. Security clearance is requested.

2. As a former Professor of History at Oberlin College who is known to be doing research work on the Middle East and known to have served recently in the [REDACTED] I have been expected to appear before the college to discuss some aspect of the Middle East. I have made repeated excuses, but the requests have been renewed and I feel that I must now either deliver a lecture or inform the President of the College that my work will not permit me to make public speeches.

3. Because I maintain a degree of [REDACTED] and use academic interests as an explanation for many of my activities and because I believe it advantageous to my position in the Agency

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to maintain these academic contacts, I believe it would be advisable for me to deliver this lecture as requested. I should be able to arrange that my connection with the Agency not be publically referred to. I should represent myself, as in the past, as a "Government consultant on Middle East Affairs." I should, of course, avoid all reference to or use of classified materials. A brief question period will probably be called for, which could be handled with due regard for security considerations.

4. I have written a lecture which deals with the current situation in the Middle East through the mirror of public opinion. The conversations referred to or drawn upon were of the sort that any American could have had during the time. I was most recently in [REDACTED] Many of the conversations were actually held by my wife. All have been disguised where necessary. This technique has been employed to avoid any possible connection with classified material. None of the information used in this lecture came from a controlled source.

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5. [REDACTED] of the Office of Security has suggested that this request go through regular channels, rather than directly to the Office of Security.

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6. A reply to this request would be appreciated as much in advance of 3 January as possible so the college officials can be informed as to whether the lecture is to take place.

Attachment: "Middle East Perspective
(Lecture to be delivered at Oberlin
College, 3 January 1958.)" Unclassified.

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Mr. R. Amory, Jr.

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